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Giving thanks together



Ace Stryker/SU Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start gym was filled with grandparents and families as they enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with their children, who attend the Head Start. The annual event took place Thursday, Nov. 15.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Saturday, Nov. 17. Casino staffers prepared a meal for 2,000 as tribal members and families from all three Ute tribes were invited. Members of the Southern Ute Royalty made their way through the casino's Events Center greeting attendees during the event.

For more photos, see page 7.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Tribe shares Partners in Conservation Award for work on water study

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was recognized recently for its contributions to the Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study, a joint effort also involving seven states, nine other tribes, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

The U.S. Department of the Interior announced on Thursday, Oct. 18 that the study was among 17 projects nationwide to win a 2012 Partners in Conservation Award, given annually to collaborative conservation efforts.

"The study is really a big deal, and so getting some formal recognition of the tribe's participation I think is a nice gesture," said Chuck Lawler, head of the Southern Ute Water Resources Division.

The study, which is slated for publication in the next week, aims to establish a foundation for future conversations about supply and demand for water in the Colorado River Basin. The Southern Ute interest was primarily in protecting tribal

water rights, Lawler said.

"The Southern Utes had to step up because they have water and it's important that that be recognized," he said. "The tribe's been involved in other regional studies and processes ... but this is the whole Colorado River basin, essentially here to [Los Angeles]."

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— Chuck Lawler,
SU Water Resources
Division head

The Southern Ute Tribe and nine others comprise the Ten Tribes Partnership, an organization of tribes with water rights on the Colorado River. The Ute Mountain Ute and Northern Ute

tribes are also part of the group.

States involved in the study included Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming.

"The Partners in Conservation Awards offer wonderful examples of how America's greatest conservation legacies are created when communities from a wide range of backgrounds work together," said Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes in a release. "These awards recognize dedicated citizens from across our nation who collaborate to conserve and restore America's great outdoors."

For his part, Lawler sat on the study's Modeling Options Committee, which worked to create an accurate model of water use in the basin. He said based on information from the Department of the Interior, the Ten Tribes Partnership hopes to see a subsequent study focusing more specifically on tribal water rights issues.

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Councilman Aaron V. Torres traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept the award on behalf of the tribe.

UTE HERITAGE

Tribe to host first Burch memorial run, walk

By Ace Stryker
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

To many Southern Ute tribal members, Leonard C. Burch was more than a Tribal Council chairman: He was a visionary, a father, a friend.

Younger tribal members, though — or tribal employees who have been around less than a decade — perhaps know less about the man, the life he lived, and the positive impact he left on the historical direction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe before his passing in 2003.

A new event this year coinciding with the tribal holiday in his honor aims to change that.

The Leonard C. Burch Memorial Poker Walk/Run will take place 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the SunUte Community Center. The purpose is twofold, according to Tribal Council Media Coordinator Beth Santistevan: to give those who knew Burch a chance to honor his life and legacy, and to inform those tribal and community members who didn't know him about the same.

"The kids get to learn about why they have Dec. 10 off [from school]," she said. "People have been wanting to do something for a long time."

A tribal holiday since 1996, Leonard C. Burch Day is meant to recognize a beloved tribal leader, and event organizers — including Burch family members — hope their efforts will refocus the day on its original meaning.

"He had a lot of friends out there, a lot of people out there he worked with," said Leonora Burch, one of Leonard's daughters. "I do believe he is a model for other Indian tribes to look up to."

Leonora Burch said her father served as an example of the power of working together with others, both inside the tribe and out. She said she hopes the event will remind people of the importance of cooperation.

"Even now, people will



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Burch family announces the Leonard C. Burch Celebration of Life Art & Literacy Contest to Ignacio High School students on Tuesday, Nov. 20. The contest, in addition to the Leonard C. Burch Memorial Poker Walk/Run, is a new event this year coinciding with the tribal holiday in the former Tribal Council chairman's honor.

come up to us [and say] 'I knew your father. He was involved in the Animas-La Plata Project,' " she said. "He served on all kinds of projects and he'd go to various meetings, and there's numerous things he worked on with the community."

The event will feature a one-mile walk, a 5K run, and a separate course for elders inside SunUte. In keeping with the poker run format, participants will collect playing cards at stations along the way — though, in a departure from the norm, they will learn and answer questions about Leonard C. Burch along the way, said Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte's fitness manager.

"A lot of people don't know a lot about him," she said, adding that she hopes the event draws a good showing of tribal employees. "I think people need to understand who he is and the history."

Prizes will be awarded for the best card hands, she said. The first 200 participants will also receive a T-shirt.

The event is free and open to the public. If all goes well, Leonora Burch said, the family hopes to make it an annual event.

ART, POETRY, ESSAY CONTEST

Also new this year is the Leonard C. Burch Celebration of Life Art & Literacy

Contest. Open to all students of the Ignacio School District, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, and other Southern Ute tribal students, the contest invites anyone from Kindergarten through 12th grade to submit.

Entries must focus on Burch's dedication to leadership, personal accomplishments, and respect for culture and tradition. The submission deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.

Students in Kindergarten through third grade are invited to submit art (all forms accepted; paintings and drawings must be 11-by-14 inches); fourth- and fifth-graders may enter the poetry contest; and students in sixth through 12th grade are eligible for the essay contest (eighth-grade-and-younger students' essays should be 500 to 750 words; older students' should be 750 to 1,000).

Winning entries will be on display for a week at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, Santistevan said.

Students outside the Ignacio School District may submit entries to the Southern Ute Education Department at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or fax 970-563-0382. For more information, call 970-563-0237 or email ltaylor@southernute-nsn.gov.

Culture in the classroom



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Students and dancers hold hands at the Ignacio Intermediate School for a round dance to close out a cultural dance presentation. The Southern Ute Heritage Dancers gave presentations throughout Ignacio on Tuesday, Nov. 20 in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. See page 6.



NEWS IN BRIEF

HOLIDAY TRANSIT SERVICE NOTICE

The holiday season will soon be here. This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste does not provide service on Christmas Day. During the Christmas holiday, Transit Waste will be one day behind the whole week. Finally, for New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

ROAD RUNNER TO RESUME SERVICE TO AZTEC

Road Runner Transit service between Ignacio and Aztec, N.M., has resumed with the full schedule. The service is providing three round-trip runs per day as published in the current Road Runner schedule and on the Southern Ute Community Action Programs website at www.sucap.org. SUCAP has been informed that they currently meet all the requirements to operate a normal schedule between Colorado and New Mexico.

AGRICULTURAL LAND MANAGERS NOTICE

The Water Quality Program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now accepting applications for the 2013 Cost-share Program. The Cost-share Program is aimed at land managers living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on the Animas, Florida and Pine watersheds who are interested in implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) for more efficient irrigation and/or riparian protection/improvements. The majority of costs are covered by the tribe through conservation agreements in which BMPs such as surface gated pipe, underground pipe and inlet structures, or riparian fencing are implemented. Such BMPs limit return flows from irrigated land and restore/protect critical riparian zones, thus decreasing erosion and other pollutants into our local watersheds. Call project coordinator Pete Nylander at 970-563-0135 for more information.

SEARCH-AND-RESCUE CARDS AVAILABLE

The Colorado Outdoor Recreation Search-and-Rescue card is a means to voluntarily participate in funding the cost of missions, training and equipment for search-and-rescue efforts in Colorado. In the event a cardholder is lost or injured in the backcountry, the county sheriff will be reimbursed through COSAR fund for the cost of a search-and-rescue mission for that person. In La Plata County, CORSAR cards are available anywhere state hunting and fishing licenses are sold. The card may be purchased for \$3 for one year or \$12 for five years. You may also purchase the card online at www.dola.colorado.gov/corsar_order/order_instructions.jsf. Individuals with a current state hunting or fishing license, or boat, snowmobile or ATV registration, are automatically covered by the CORSAR fund. Southern Ute hunters and anglers should be aware that obtaining a tribal hunting or fishing permit does not automatically extend CORSAR coverage. Tribal-permitted hunters and anglers should consider purchasing CORSAR cards through local vendors, especially if using remote locations in the off-reservation Brunot Treaty Area. For more info, call the La Plata County Sheriff's Office at 970-382-6274.

FREE BISON MEAT AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Committee

Open to all Southern Ute enrolled tribal youth ages 13-19

Please write letter of intent
ATTN: SCSYAC

PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137
Email: sdsand@southernute-nsn.gov

Any questions or concerns please contact
Sky Dawn Sandoval at 970-563-0100 ext. 2207 or 970-749-5355

14th Annual Ignacio Taste of Christmas

Friday, December 7, 2012

Ignacio Elementary School
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Schedule of Events:

- 5:00 : Walk with Santa from the school to the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree
- 5:15 : Children's Readers Theatre at Town Tree
- 5:00 - 7:00 : Holiday Bazaar... crafts, food, music, and fun!
- Free photo with Santa
- Free cookies & hot chocolate
- Free Children books



During this event, children ages 4-11 may register to receive their "12 days of Christmas activity book". Visit participating businesses to receive a stamp, then return your completed storybook to the Ignacio Community Library or to your school's Secretary by December 21st.

The Grand Prize drawing is December 21st at 5:00 p.m.

For vendor information, please call Dixie at the Ignacio Community Library, 563-9287.



MANY MOONS AGO



Jimmy R. Newton Jr./SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On Nov. 25, 2002, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted an honoring ceremony to thank the Southern Ute Veterans Association for its presentations through the school year. Pictured: The Burning Cedar singers show respect by singing an honor song for the veterans.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 27 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Arnold Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Grade-school kids enjoy one of the last days of an "Indian summer" before winter storms cover the ground with snow.

This photo first appeared in the Nov. 27, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Gov. Floyd Correa of the Pueblo of Laguna, Chairman Peter MacDonald of the Navajo Tribe, and Chairman Leonard C. Burch of the Southern Ute Tribe attend an honor dance during an evening powwow.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 3, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner

Saturday December 22, 2012

11:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Christmas Program

Saturday December 22, 2012

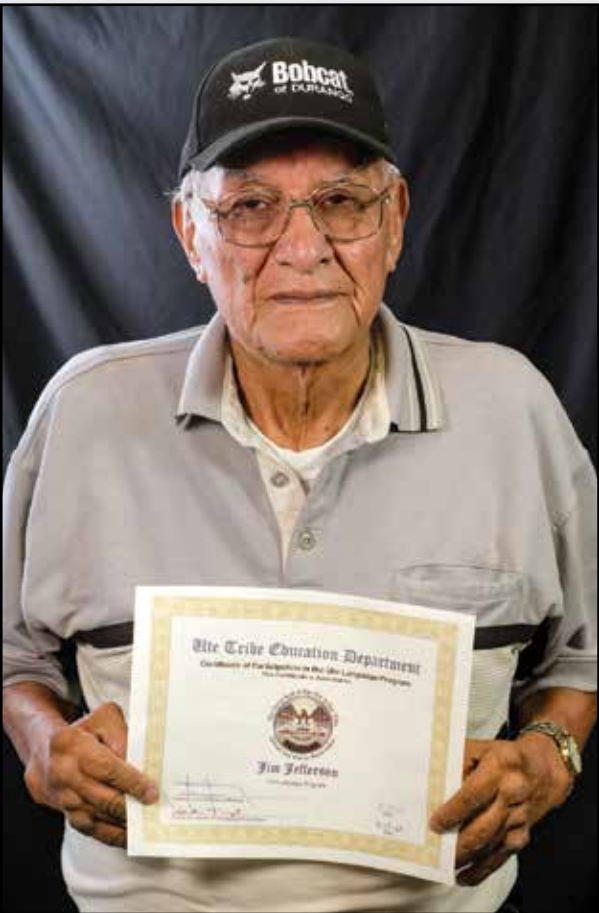
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Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & families along with members of the Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes. No tickets are required. Southern Ute Tribal Elders wishing to have their meal delivered, call Gloria Prost at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2323.



Guardian of the Ute language



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder Dr. James Jefferson holds a certificate of recognition for his longtime commitment to the Ute language from the Northern Ute Department of Education. Jefferson was the sole Southern Ute tribal member honored during the Noohwyehdum Conference on the Ute language in Ft. Duchesne, Utah, on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

FREE HOME RADON TESTING

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs is offering FREE home radon testing for Tribal members. Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.
Call Peter Dietrich at 970-563-0135 ext. 2238 for more information.

Capturing turkeys



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students displayed their Thanksgiving themed art at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum.

Capturing turkeys

Culturally and seasonally themed art projects from students at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy are displayed in the exhibit hall of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Monday, Nov. 19.



CULTURAL UPDATE

UTE LANGUAGE 103

The Cultural Preservation Department is continuing the Ute language classes. The classes will be held in the Southern Ute Museum's large classroom, Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The classes will be taught by Dr. Tom Givon and Alden Naranjo Jr.

SOUTHERN UTE ELDER LUNCHEON

The December Southern Ute Elder luncheon is Friday, Dec. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's large classroom. Menu: Navy or lima bean soup with ham and Indian corn with biscuits and cornbread. Fruit and tossed salad. Christmas wreath-making workshop with Evalyn Russell to follow the luncheon. For information call Elise Redd at 970-563-0100 ext. 3623.

ELDER TAMALE MAKING WORKSHOP

The tamale-making workshop will be Friday, Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum's large classroom. For information call Elise Redd at 970-563-0100 ext. 3623.

ATTENTION PERFORMERS

The Cultural Preservation Department is looking to update and add on to the list for all Native powwow dancers, Ute Bear dancers, and Ute lame and T dancers. If you know you're on the list but haven't been contacted in a while, it's because you need to update your information. Call Tara Vigil, special events coordinator, at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624 or 970-442-1185 or email tvigil@southern-ute.nsn.us. The department is also looking for interested Ute flute players, Ute storytellers, Ute artists, Ute speakers and presenters, and Ute beaders and seamstresses for teaching classes and performing at events.

POWWOW COMMITTEE SEEKS MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has four Powwow Committee member vacancies. Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member or a Native American community member. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The responsibility of the Southern Ute Indian Powwow Committee is to promote the traditions and culture of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe through powwows. All interests individuals are urged to submit a letter of intent to Personnel Department in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

THIS IS YOUR LANGUAGE

'ícha-'ara m̃ni 'apaghapi 'ura-'ay

20. The use of pronouns in the context of discontinuity

By Tom Givón
UTE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

21.1. INDEPENDENT PRONOUN USED IN FIRST INTRODUCTION OF REFERENTS INTO THE DISCOURSE

The first introduction of a referent into the discourse involves, by definition, discontinuity. In such a context, an independent pronoun is commonly combined with the noun (or name, or larger noun phrase). Some story-initial examples of this kind are see in (1) below, all taken from Ute traditional stories.

- (1) a. w̃iŋus 'ura-na-p̃ga-vaachi-'uru,
long.ago be-HAB-REM-BG-that
'It was long ago,
'úmm̃-'uru pa'avi-u níuchi-u 'ura-qa-paachi-'uru...
3p/S-be insect-PL person-PL be-PL-BG-that
the insects were (like) humans (in those days)...
- b. 'uwas 'ñi-kway... Sinawavi 'ura-p̃ga...
3s/S WH-MOD Sinawav/S be-REM
'There was once what's-his-name... Sinawav...
- c. 'uwas-'ura 'ura-p̃ga-vaachi, níu-maroghoma-p̃ga-t̃...
3s/S-be be-rem-BKGR person-create-REM-NOM
'There was Him long ago, the Creator...
- d. 'uwas 'ura-p̃ga Sinawavi... 'umm̃ chaquura-y-u 'umm̃-kway...
3s/S be-REM Sinawav/S 3p/O crane-O-PL 3p/O-MOD
'There was once Sinawav... and the cranes, whatever they...
- e. ...kava-nana-chigya-p̃ tu-t̃gaa-p̃ga;
horse-RECIP-race-NOM RED-bet-REM
...he (Sinawav) kept betting on horse races;
mám̃... 'umm̃ w̃-w̃s̃iaa-gha-t̃-m̃, 'ay-p̃ga...
3p/S 3p/O RED-feather-have-NOM-PL/O say-REM
So he told the feathered ones (birds)...

21.2. INDEPENDENT PRONOUNS USED FOR RE-INTRODUCING OF IMPORTANT PARTICIPANTS BACK INTO THE DISCOURSE AFTER A PERIOD OF ABSENCE

In (2) below, Sinawav, the central character in the story, has been already talked about before. Then the story-teller let other characters occupy center-stage. Now Sinsawav is reintroduced, using only the independent pronoun "s/he" (invis.):

- (2) a. ...'ú-vway-agh-'ura-'uru nana-chigya-gha-p̃ga;
there-at-it-be-that REC-race-PL-REM
'...So then they raced;
'uwas ságharu-m̃ puku-gwa-t̃ 'ura-p̃ga...
3s/S white-AN/O horse/O-have-NOM be-REM
he (Sinawav) had a white horse...

This use of independent pronouns, called "switch-reference," is typical when two main participants alternate in grabbing the story's center-stage, as in examples (3) below:

- (3) a. ...'áa-gha máy-kya-p̃gay-ky, 'ú-vwaa pagha'ni-p̃ga 'uwas...
gentle-PART say-PL-REM-SUB there-at walk.about-REM 3s/S
'...as they (the other riders) were whispering, he (Sinawav) paced around there...
- b. ...puku-'u... ñ-nukw̃i-na-p̃ga, na-rukwa q̃ha-qharu-na-p̃ga,
horse-his RED-run-HAB-REM REFL-under RED-run-HAB-REM
'...his horse... it kept running, running with his head bent down,
"má-y-kya-'u!" máy-p̃ga 'uwas...
say-ANT-3s say-REM 3s/S
"I've told you about him!" he (Sinawav) said...
- c. ...pa'a-ka-'átu-tusu'a-p̃-a;
complete-NEG-well-feel-REM-NEG
'... and he (the other guy) felt real bad;
'ú-vway-agh-unuv-'ura-'uru 'uwas chaghacivi t̃ga-gha-t̃
there-at-it-?-be -that 3s/S near arrive -PAR-NOM
and sure enough, he (Sinawav) was a short-distances racer
'ura-p̃ga-vaachi...
be-REM-BG
(he was)...
- d. ...t̃u-vuni-ṽr̃o-p̃ga-ni 'uwasu-ga; 'umm̃ máy-kya-p̃gay-'u...
...dark-look-go.about-REM-like 3s/S-EM 3p/S say-PL-REM-3s
'...he (Sinawav) kept looking about him with wild eyes; so they told him...
- e. ...'u-vwaa-tukhwa p̃r̃o-p̃ga 'umm̃u-ga;
there-at-go go/PL-REM 3p/S-EM
'...and they were coming that way;
'úu-pa-s̃ 'uwasu-ga ka-sari-vaani-kwa-p̃a
there-DIR-C 3s/S-EM NEG-delay-IRR-go-REM/NEG
so right there he without delay
kukwapi 'uru ma-mágu'na-ta-gha-na-av na'a-ti-p̃ga...
firewood/O the/O RED-gather-PASS-ANT-REL-OWN fire-CAUS-REM
lighted up the firewood that had been gathered (by him)...
- f. ..."kani-m̃ naguch'a-y, 'iyu-p̃y-aa-n!" 'áy-kya-p̃ga 'umm̃u-ga.
house-LOC burn-IMM kinswoman-POSS-1s say-PL-REM 3p/S-EM
'..."your house is burning, my kinswoman!" they told him.
"ma-mani-ta-sapa-'ara máru" máy-p̃ga 'uwas...
RED-do.like-PASS-MOD-be that/S say-REM 3s/S
"That one always does it this way" he said...

21.3. FIRST INTRODUCTION OF LESS IMPORTANT REFERENTS

When a new participant that is *not* going to be central to the story is introduced for the first time, it is introduced by the appropriate noun (or noun phrase) alone. Ute has no indefinite article ("a"). Thus consider:

- (4) a. ...'uwas ságharu-m̃ puku-gwa-t̃ 'ura-p̃ga...
3s/S white-AN/O horse/O-have-NOM be-REM
'...he (Sinawav) had a white horse...
- b. ...t̃ugy-whqa-ṽr̃o-na-p̃ga-'ura;
hungry-search-walk-HAB-REM-be
'... he (Sinawav) was walking about hungry searching (for food);
'ú-vwa-agh-'ura 'u-vwaa-tu-'ura mykwapi maay-pu-ga,
there-at-it-be there-at-DIR-be spider/O find-REM
and right there he found a spider...
- c. ...'umm̃-'ura 'i-vaa-chu nóoghwa-tu pa-págha-khwa-p̃ga...
3p/S-be here-at-DIR pregnant-NOM/O RED-kill-go-REM
'...and indeed they killed a pregnant one right there...

In the next column, we will discuss the use of suffix pronouns and zero-marking.



KIDNEY CORNER

A prostate enlargement primer

By Dr. Mark Saddler
DURANGO NEPHROLOGY
ASSOCIATES

The prostate gland is situated at the base of the bladder in men, at the origin of the urethra, the tube that connects the bladder to the exterior of the body.

It contains some muscle and some glandular elements and is normally about the size of a walnut.

The prostate gland tends to enlarge as men get older, a condition called “benign prostatic hypertrophy,” or BPH. It has been said that prostate enlargement is as common as thinning of the hair as men age. In fact, more than half of men in their 60s have some symptoms of prostate enlargement, and this increases to as much as 90 percent of men in their mid-70s.

As might be expected from its location at the base of the bladder, enlargement of the prostate gland can interfere with urination. Often the first symptom is a need to urinate more frequently. This occurs because the bladder does not empty completely, so it becomes full again more quickly. This increased frequency can manifest both during the



day and night, resulting in a need to get up to urinate several times during the night.

“Urgency,” the need to urinate quickly after noticing a need to urinate, might also be present. A need to strain during urination can also occur, and the urinary stream may be slower.

If these symptoms are ignored, the increasing pressure in the bladder can be transmitted up the ureters, the tubes that normally transmit urine from the kidneys to the bladder, and can result in back pressure on the kidneys themselves. This causes a ballooning of the collecting system of the kidneys, called “hydronephrosis” (literally “water on the kidneys”), and over time this can result in kidney damage and potentially kidney failure.

Fortunately, most men seek

help before this happens.

There are two major groups of medicines used for BPH. One type helps the bladder to empty more effectively, while the other type can slow down or reverse the prostate growth. Both are generally well tolerated and can be of great assistance to men who have symptoms of prostatic urinary obstruction. Sometimes, however, surgery may be needed.

One issue to be considered very carefully in men with symptoms of prostate enlargement is the possibility of prostate cancer. The diagnosis of prostate cancer might be possible with a blood test called “prostate-specific antigen,” or PSA.

But it’s sometimes necessary to do a prostate biopsy, in which samples of prostate tissue are obtained by inserting a needle in the prostate (using local anesthetic), to definitively exclude the possibility of prostate cancer. Establishing this possibility can be very important, since outcomes for prostate cancer are often very good if it is detected early enough.

Urologists, surgeons who are trained in urinary tract pathology, usually diagnose and treat prostate disease.

YOUR HEALTH

Health Center announces new hours, holiday schedule

Staff report
SU HEALTH CENTER

New hours for the operation of the Southern Ute Health Center will begin on Monday, Dec. 17. The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

The clinic will begin scheduling appointments starting at 8:15 a.m. each day, with the last appointment of the day at 4 p.m. The clinic will be closed each day during the lunch hour between noon and 1 p.m. A receptionist will be available during the lunch period to provide any necessary communications.

Appointments are encouraged to ensure timely visits with a primary care provider and the healthcare team. Walk-in visits without an appointment will be seen in order of presentation. Every effort will be made to address on a time-

ly basis all chronic health needs and promote wellness, education, and empowerment for all aspects of health.

The clinic provides the following services:

- Same-day appointments with a primary care provider

- Same-day appointments for urgent care needs
- Fully staffed pharmacy
- Behavioral health
- Dental
- Vision and eyeglass
- Laboratory and radiology
- Public health nursing
- Referral services to specialty care providers not provided at the clinic

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch)

Call 970-563-4581

Reminder: Arrive 10 minutes before appointment time to complete registration

- Pharmacy requests require 72 hours to process prescriptions.
- We request cancellations be made 24 hours before appointment time.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The following holiday schedule of operations for the clinic shall be provided:

Monday, Dec. 10 (Leonard C. Burch Day): Closed

Monday, Dec. 24 (day before Christmas): 8 a.m. to noon

Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year’s Eve): 8 a.m. to noon

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Health Services notice

The Southern Ute Community Health Representative (CHR) program promotes, supports, and assists SUI and the Tribal Health Department in delivering a total health care delivery program to tribal members and descendants. The program exists within the Health Services Division under the Tribal Health Department. The CHR’s assist with the home health care, adult day care, dialysis transportation, and medication delivery. The CHR’s perform their activities in the home, community, hospital and clinic settings.



Health Services & CHR’s services are provided Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 970-563-4401. After 5 p.m. for emergencies or on-call services, call SUPD at 970-563-0154.

Revival



REV. G.W. “BLAKE” BLAKESLEY WILL BE CONDUCTING REVIVAL SERVICES AT THE MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH ON GODDARD AVENUE IN IGNACIO DEC. 10-14 EACH NIGHT AT 6:30 P.M. SNACKS WILL BE SERVED AT 5:30 P.M. BEFORE THE SERVICES.

Nursery will be provided nightly. Come and get acquainted with our new assistant to pastor Kelly Winlock. Contact Pastor Kelly Winlock at 970-779-9376 if you have any questions.

Rev. Blakesley has been a pastor for more than 35 years serving churches in Indiana, Iowa and Pennsylvania. He and his wife Lynn have led mission trips with up to 150 youth and adults each summer all over North America, including Alaska, Mexico and Nova Scotia. He has traveled to the Middle East on missions of peace on two separate occasions with Christian, Muslim and Jewish leaders.



In addition to his leadership as Senior Pastor of the 1,000-member Presbyterian Church in Newtown, PA, he initiated an active Prison Ministry in the Philadelphia area and served as the Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

He is an avid banjo and guitar player and has been a song leader all of his adult life. He holds a BA from Grinnell and Simpson College and an MDiv from Christian Theological Seminary.

Blake and Lynn have recently moved to the Ignacio Colorado area and Lynn serves as the Family and Consumer Science teacher at the Ignacio High School. They have raised three adult children and are blessed with five grandchildren.

Sharing Tree Slot Tournament

Saturday, December 8th

1st Place wins \$1000

2nd place wins \$500 in Sky Ute Loot

3rd place \$250 in Sky Ute Loot

Entry fee is \$15 plus a \$15 toy.
\$950 and all toys are donated to the Sharing Tree Project

Registration held from noon to 6:00 P.M. at the Group Tours Window
Tournament starts at 6:00P.M.

Must be a Bear Club member to participate

Management reserves the right to modify or cancel this event with notice.

Sky Ute Casino
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SUNUTE UPDATE

“To expand and improve the quality of life for the Southern Ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities.”



TRIPLE WIN PROGRAM

Southern Ute tribal members: Enter to win a gift card every month for the next 12 months. You can enter the raffle if you work out in the gym or pool, participate in noon ball, or attend group exercise classes. Ages 10 and up. Tickets can be redeemed at the trainers’ desk.

SUNUTE HOLIDAY HOURS

SunUte will be closed on Monday, Dec. 10 in observance of Leonard C. Burch Day. SunUte will resume normal hours on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6 a.m.

Lights all a go



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Christmas lights outside the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building receive a final inspection on Tuesday, Nov. 20, with the holiday season rapidly approaching.

Special Hours

SunUte Community Center

will be **CLOSED**
on December 10th, 2012
in observance of
Leonard C. Burch Day.
We will resume normal business hours
on December 11th at 6:00am.



SunUte Community Center
www.SunUte.com
970-563-0214



EDUCATION UPDATE

JOHNSON O’MALLEY MEETING

Next meeting of the JOM Committee will be Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. Questions call Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235.

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM TAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is now accepting applications on a first-come-first-served basis. There 20 scholarships available at this time. The scholarships are for tribal members who are interested in attending a vocational training school or a junior college with a certificate program. In order for students to attend any school, it has to be an accredited and approved by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation. There is no deadline for the certificate program, since some vocational training schools are year round. If you are interested in applying for a certificate, call Luana Herrera at 970-563-0237.

EDUCATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Adult Occupational Training Program is accepting applications for tribal members who are interested in working for six months as an intern. Call Luana Herrera at the Southern Ute Education Department at 970-563-0237.

GED TEST DATES

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: Dec. 7, Jan. 11 and Feb. 1st. The test is held at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. GED Testing will be available on computer soon at The Southern Ute Higher Education Center. Come on in and be one of the first in the state to take the GED using the new way of assessment. Call 970-563-0237 for details. **The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will expire and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.** Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

LEONARD C. BURCH

CELEBRATION OF LIFE ART & LITERACY CONTEST

Open to all students in the Ignacio School District, Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (Upper and Lower Elementary), and Southern Ute tribal students.

All entries must pertain to Leonard C. Burch's

- Dedication to leadership
- Personal accomplishments
- Respect for culture & tradition

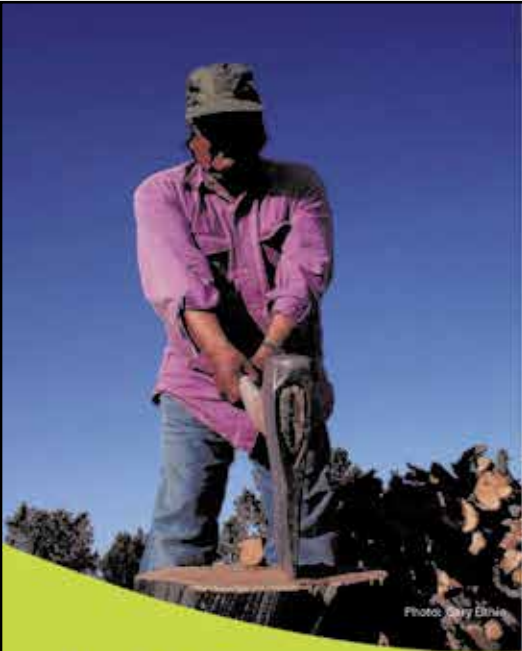


1933 – 2003

“I lead my Ute people into the future.”

- K-3rd: Art contest — All forms of display art accepted; paintings & drawings must by 11"x14"
- 4th-5th: Poetry contest
- 6th-8th: Essay contest — Minimum of 500 words, up to 750 words
- 9th-12th: Essay contest — Minimum of 750 words, up to 1,000 words

The deadline for the contest is 5 p.m. Dec. 3. Winners will be announced Dec. 7. Prizes will be awarded in all categories. Students outside the Ignacio School District should submit their essays and artwork to the Department of Education at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or fax 970-563-0382. For more info, call 970-563-0237 or email ltaylor@southernute-nsn.gov.



Wood Smoke and Your Health

Small particles and pollutants in wood smoke can cause watery eyes, stuffy noses and chest tightness. Everyone may experience symptoms, but children and elders are especially vulnerable.

Even occasional exposure to wood smoke can cause watery eyes, stuffy noses and chest tightness. Everyone may experience symptoms, but children and elders are especially vulnerable.

FOUR EASY STEPS TO DRY WOOD



STEP 1 SPLIT

- Start with the right sized wood
- Split wood dries much faster
- Split the wood in a range of sizes to fit your stove, but no larger than 6 inches in diameter
- Split small pieces for kindling



STEP 3 COVER

- Cover the top of the stack to protect it from rain or snow
- Make sure there is space between the cover and the stacked wood - don't let the cover rest directly on top
- Keep the sides open so air can circulate through the stack



STEP 2 STACK

- Stack wood to allow air to circulate
- Build the stack away from buildings
- Keep wood off the ground. Stack it on rails
- Stack wood in a single row with the split side down



STEP 4 STORE

- Allow enough time to dry
- Softwoods take about 6 months
- Hardwoods take about 12 months
- Cracked ends on the wood typically means it is dry enough to burn



Is your wood dry? Take the moisture meter test.

Wet wood can create excessive smoke which is wasted fuel. Moisture meters that allow you to test the moisture level in wood are available in all sizes and can cost as little as \$20. Properly dried wood should have a reading of 20% or less. Dry wood creates a hotter fire. Hotter fires save wood - ultimately saving you time and money.

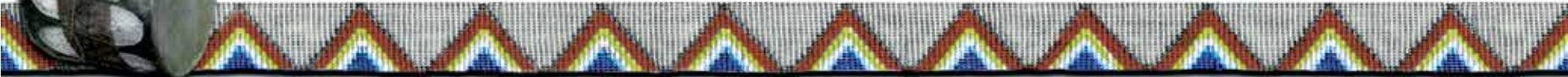
Clean and Efficient Heating Checklist

Burning dry firewood can save money and protect you and your family's health. A properly installed and operated wood-burning stove should produce little smoke.

- ☐ Start a small fire with dry kindling then add a few pieces of wood.
- ☐ Give the fire plenty of air - fully open the air controls until the fire is roaring.
- ☐ Burn the fire to heat the chimney or flue before adding more wood.
- ☐ Keep space between the firewood as you add more to the fire.
- ☐ Check for local burn bans and avoid fireplace and wood stove use while in effect.
- ☐ Avoid burning garbage, treated lumber, or saltwater driftwood. Burning these items can damage your stove and cause serious health issues.
- ☐ Have your stove and chimney professionally inspected and serviced yearly if possible.
- ☐ If available, refer to your owner's manual for start-up guidelines.
- ☐ A smoldering fire, "dirty" glass doors, or smoke from the chimney are all signs that the fire needs more air or your wood is too moist.

Properly dried wood is lighter, has cracks in the grain on the end, and sounds hollow when knocked against another piece of wood.





Sharing culture in our schools



In a closing dance, students and dancers step sideways in a circle, linking young and old together for the round dance, or friendship dance.

The Southern Ute Heritage Dancers, drum group Yellow Jacket, and others toured the Ignacio Elementary, Intermediate and High schools on Tuesday, Nov. 20 in honor of Native American Heritage Month. The performers demonstrated a variety of traditional dances and got students involved with a round dance at the end of each session.



Tavian Box stands against a backdrop of brightly colored regalia during Tuesday's Native American Dance exhibition.



Randy Doyebi demonstrates the men's fancy dance to an attentive audience at the Ignacio Elementary School.



Southern Ute elder Dixie Naranjo escorts her granddaughter, Tauri Raines, into the student presentation.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Greg and Amaya Bison ready themselves for a grand entry song at the Ignacio Elementary School.



Irene Burch dances in a round dance alongside her daughters, Lisa Frost and Lynette Sage, at the Ignacio High School.



Ollyvia Howe gives a warm smile as she demonstrates her dance skills and traditional regalia.



Ignacio drum group Yellow Jacket fills the Ignacio High School auditorium with the sound of song and drumming.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Tribal elder Annabelle Eagle and son Sage Remington enjoy food and conversation during the annual Southern Ute Thanksgiving Dinner.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Lady Ramona Y. Eagle welcomes tribal members to the annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

Tribal Thanksgiving a hit



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Tara Vigil, special events coordinator with the tribe's Cultural Preservation Department, greets attendees to the dinner and hands out raffle tickets. Ticket numbers were called periodically during the meal for prizes.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

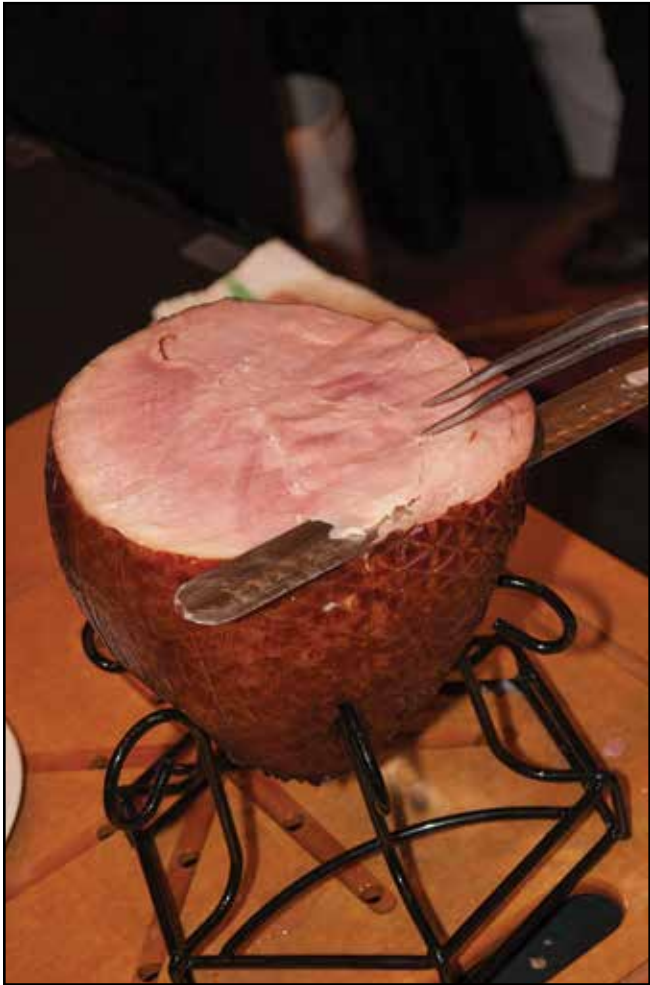
Assistant Executive Officer Amy Barry and daughter Grace Gonzalez pose for a photo before the meal begins.

Thanksgiving is a time of communion, of reflection, of reuniting with friends and family over a good, hot meal – and it's no different on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The annual centerpiece is the tribal Thanksgiving Dinner, which took place Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Other events at local schools, such as the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's Grandparents' Thanksgiving Dinner, invite the kids to get involved as well.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Damon Cloud serenades diners with a traditional flute song during the meal.



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Sky Ute Casino Resort chefs prepared a host of traditional Thanksgiving foods, including ham cut to diners' preferences.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start staff served grandparents and families of students during its Grandparents' Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 15.



IHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Coach Whitt's wait over at IHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Swishing a three-pointer off the right wing from five feet behind the arc in full view of her pupils during a pause in the final Thanksgiving Week practice, Justa Whitt quipped afterwards that she wasn't sure if former mentor Ceal Barry would have totally approved.

Added irony came from the fact that senior guard Jordan Cuthair, over whom she drained the shot, happened to have a University of Colorado logo on her shirt. Twenty years ago in Boulder, the 6-foot-4 Whitt learned what it was like to both be and win big. Really big.

"It was quite something, changing from a small town here," she said, having been part of Barry's 1992-93 and '93-94 squads at CU, which amassed two regular-season Big 8 Conference titles, a 54-9 record — including two lengthy NCAA Tournament runs — and final rankings of No. 10 and No. 5, respectively. "I graduated from Durango [in 1992], and even that's a small town compared to going to CU. The level of play, it's tenfold what you met in high school," she said. "So that was a huge adjustment for me. And it was tough, but it was fun — a lot of fun."

But when the 2012-13 prep season tips off, she'll have to remember how to win much smaller, both in the scale of the sport and the personnel wearing Ignacio's colors.

Yet in having played with the pro-grade likes of Shelley Sheetz (now a Boston College assistant), Raegan Scott (head coach at Fresno State University) and Erin Scholz (skipper at Fresno Pacific University), as well as "glue" players like Mindy Henry (previously boss at 1A Peetz High and Fleming High, which lost by three in the 2011 State Championship), Whitt stressed that the best instruction she can offer the Lady Bobcats will center around the basics.

"It's all about the fundamentals and making sure they know that if they can master those skills, then they can do anything," she said. "If they can get those basic skills down pat and trust each other ... all that stuff plays into any kind of division that you're playing in."

"That summer before I graduated, I had started finally going into the BCI [Basketball Congress International]



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen feeding passes into the paint during warmups prior to last year's San Juan Basin League District Tournament game against Dolores in Cortez, former Ignacio assistant Justa Whitt will take over head-coaching duty in the 2012-13 season.

tournaments and whatnot," she said, "and playing. ... I played Erin Scholz [of then-6A Doherty in Colorado Springs] in that timeframe. We always battled; every time we played, we were two big horses in the middle. But I learned to use my size, was taught better skills on how to ... and it became a fun thing where we were really pounding each other and making each other better.

"You've probably heard me say 'We make each other better' in practice," she said. "And that's the key: Pound each other, and make each other better."

Inheriting from previous boss Brice Searles a group eager to do just that — led by all-around anchor Michelle Simmons, ace defender Pamela Cotton, low-posts Valerie Armstrong and Mariah Vigil, and catalysts Sky Cotton and Cloe Seibel — Whitt doesn't expect a shocking switch from assistant to head coach.

"I think it's gone well. Most of the girls are used to me, being here for the past four years already. And all these girls that are seniors, I've been with them since ... eighth grade," she said. "[They] know what to expect from me, although I'm being a little tougher on them than in the past, just because I am the one in charge."

"I feel like we already have a good base on what we

know, we just have to execute it. And that's what I'm going to hammer them on," she said. "Executing their plays and actually making them run right. When you run it right, you get the shots."

What the Cats again will lack in height will be made up for in raw speed — emphasized in a fast-breaking context — and aggression as they look to improve on last season's 10-11 finish and ouster in the 2A-Region V semifinals up in Grand Junction.

"You've seen me at junior high, and know how animated I can be — and I don't even realize what I'm doing! So I'm sure you'll see some of that," Whitt joked. "I try to ... not get too over-animated, but I'm definitely going to be more involved in the game as far as that goes. You'll hear my voice in the gym."

Ignacio's slate starts at home (JV first at 5 p.m.) on Tuesday, Dec. 4 against 3A Bloomfield, N.M.

Until recently, Whitt's name still appeared — before criteria for inclusion were raised — in Colorado's record book among the program's most accurate shooters. Her 55-percent (22-of-40 from the floor, zero three-point attempts) career mark once ranked fifth in the category. She was also 10-of-16 from the foul line for a 54-point total, and she also grabbed 45 rebounds in the 22 games she played.

IHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

Boys tip off in Kirtland, hoping to improve last year's 18-5 finish

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

This writer couldn't help but chuckle when seeing a matchup between Ignacio and Whitehorse scheduled for 4 p.m. this afternoon on Day 2 of the six-team 2012 Webb Toyota/Kirtland Central Boys' Basin Invitational at KC's Bronco Arena.

Ignacio officially began the 2012-13 season with a Day 1 matchup on Thursday, Nov. 29 against the tourney hosts, but results were unavailable at press time. Day 3's final contests were to be determined by Day 2's outcomes.

Not because either side will expect a lopsided victory; fans traveling down to New Mexico should expect a competitive game, with both the 2A Bobcats and 1A Raiders looking to retool their programs after taking some major losses due to graduation.

The laughs came from recalling both teams' outright dominance in past years — including the 2007-08 season, in which a Trevor Martin-led Whitehorse downed Ignacio by one point at the Webb, then later when WHS simply rolled the Cats out in Montezuma Creek, Utah. Martin went on to have a 500-plus scoring season akin to what now-graduated Shane Richmond did in 2011-12 for Ignacio.

But en-route to a disappointing consolation-bracket title at the UHSAA State Championships, the trigger-happy Raiders found themselves surrendering a state record — in a win, no less — for which fans (outside Ignacio) a couple years ago would have vilified the losing coach: Martin scored 28 points in a 76-59 win, but Dugway's Morgan Kartchner outdid him with 35, 24 coming via three-pointers.

What made this writer think of this was a record-threatening effort that took place in Utah on the very first night of this year's prep season, proving any team, at



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Now-senior Dmitri Reynolds brings the ball down-court during last year's preseason scrimmages with Montezuma-Cortez and Pagosa Springs inside IHS Gymnasium. He'll be looking to bounce back from an injury sustained shortly after this shot was taken and contribute to the Bobcats in 2012-13.

any time, can simply go off.

Utah's current one-game high is the 147 that 1A Green River dropped on unlucky 1A Navajo Mountain on Feb. 2, 2001 — a game in which GR also snared a state-best 76 rebounds, and eventual BYU baseball player Kalen Parsons drained nine treys.

It was a real possibility that should have been prepared for: Green River had lit up Navajo Mountain for 126 the previous February en-route to winning the 1A State Championship. Sounds a lot like the 144-35 tuneup Ignacio got against Nucla to help fuel their state hopes in '09-10.

At any rate, Green River's total was very much put in jeopardy Tuesday, Nov. 20 — not by a 1A team, nor even an IHS-like 2A. In a clash of 5A Salt Lake City squads, Brighton walloped West 121-64.

Don't expect this year's editions of the Bobcats and

Raiders to blow up in similar fashion right out of the gate. But given the teams' recent résumés and tendencies, don't be surprised if, at the least, an individual brings tears and frustration to his foes with a sterling performance.

Led by returning veterans Adison Jones, Clayton Jefferson and Kelton Richmond, with a healthy Justin Carver adding height and hops in the paint, and augmented by newcomers Wyatt Hayes and Nick Herrera, Ignacio will indeed have explosive intentions as they seek to improve upon last season's 18-5 effort.

Also coming to the 2012 Webb will be 3A Bloomfield (N.M.), 2A Mesilla Valley Christian (Las Cruces, N.M.), and 3A Shiprock (N.M.). The finale is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, preceded by the third-place contest at 3:30 and the fifth-place game at 2.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Simmons among state's stars

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A quarter-century ago, led by names like Mayfield, Larsen, Gravestock, Swayze, Kleine, Box and Monte, Ignacio volleyball danced in its last Big Dance to date.

Under Melanie Taylor, the Cats had also reached the previous season's State Championships, indicating there was little reloading — five starters were returning — needed for a repeat run in 1987.

In the present, Thad Cano's first season at Ignacio was very much a success: a 15-9 record and berth in the 2A-Region G Tournament, with the program's best chance in years to advance to Denver. But for an encore to be possible in 2013, Cano will need some fresh blueprints as well as building blocks.

And the replacing of senior Michelle Simmons will be Job No. 1.

Possessing one of the most vicious arms in the San Juan Basin League in 2012, as well as one of its trickier serves, Simmons was named First Team All-SJBL (teammate Angela Herrera was a Second Team choice), something vol-

leyball followers probably knew would happen before the season began. But most recently, All-League honors evolved into a well-earned All-State status.

"I'm amazed all the way around," Cano said.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, Simmons took part in the 2012 Colorado Coaches of Girls' Sports All-State Volleyball Games at Arvada West High. Suiing up as an outside hitter — as well as a middle and right-side — for the 2A-Red team coached by Cano and assisted by IHS C-team coach Avril Fisher, Simmons was one of 18 selected for the intra-classification clash.

"She just played phenomenally," Cano said. "Her level of play ... just excelled!"

Joining her on the Reds were Telluride's Sarah Wontroski and Swink's Sarah Tatum at setter, Yuma's Kiera Mekelburg at libero, Laura Beach of Lutheran (Parker) and Lyons' Nola Basker in the middle, and OH's Alyson Vasquez (Akron), Jordyn Sturms (Lutheran) and Kaila Hurley (Byers).

Opposing, and winning two games to one, for Vail Mountain's Mike Garvey

and Paonia's Krista Carsten as Blues were setters Marilyn Alexander (Simla) and Kaysyn Chintala (Meeker), libero Ellen Edgerton (Vail Mountain), middles Rylee Abert (Rye) and Jessica George (Simla), and OH's Sidney Merrill (Akron), Ce'rra Carsten (Paonia) and Sarah Groff (Custer County).

Three SJBL squads did reach the Denver Coliseum with hopes of capturing a crown, but the rest of the state proved superior as THS (2A), Dove Creek and Norwood (both in 1A) combined to go 1-5.

Finishing their first season under previous assistant Terry Snow, Nucla's victory over Kit Carson was the loop's highlight, but Otis then ended their year at 17-4. Scott Knuckles' DC Lady Bulldogs ended 16-10 after losses to Eads and eventual champs Weldon Valley of Weldona.

And finishing 18-8, Fawnda Rogers' Lady Miners succumbed to Resurrection Christian of Loveland and eventual champs Lutheran. Lutheran (28-0) defeated Simla (28-1) in four, while WV (28-2) needed the minimum three to topple Caliche (21-8) of Iliff.

IHS FOOTBALL

Five Cats get So. Peaks salute

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

There's no denying 2012 wasn't the most successful in Ignacio's extensive history.

But it's also true that despite the Bobcats' collective struggle, there were several individual stand-outs always warranting on-field attention from Southern Peaks Conference — and outside — foes. Recently it was revealed that five of Ignacio's football finest were named to the three-tier All-SPC roster.

Starting the season in the backfield, then moved back into the trenches before later ending back where he started, senior Austin Haire was a First Team selection along with junior Clayton Jefferson, the team's top vertical threat for sopho-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Austin Haire (22) works to bring down Dolores Huerta Prep junior Jared Mestas (4) during non-conference action in 2012. Haire earned First Team All-SPC for his two-way work.

more quarterback Adison Jones — a Second Team pick with soph two-way lineman Blaine Mickey.

Finally, senior lineman Andy Guire received an Honorable Mention nod, officially closing the book on the injury-marred 2-7 campaign.

Coach of the Year Greg Jones' Monte Vista Pirates not only won the SoPeaks title with a 5-0 mark (Ignacio was 1-4), but outlasted runners-up Centauri by one round in the Class 1A State Playoffs and finished 9-2 overall. Monte Vista had hammered Ordway Crowley County 50-7 in the first round, but then fell 18-0 at Cedaredge.

Monte Vista senior Shadron Wenta was a repeat Offensive Player of the Year recipient, and joined Centauri sophomore Jareb Aziz, Defensive Player of the Year, in heading up the First Team honorees, which included five more Pirates and four more of Kyle Forster's Falcons.



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

BOB IRON FAMILY THANKS

Dear Southern Ute Veterans Association, Sister Kathy Taylor, Brother Alfred Wall and singers, and all the people who attended the Veterans Powwow on Nov. 10:

Thank you very much for thinking of me during the Veterans Powwow while I was in the hospital. Your prayers, the song sung, your financial donations, and words of encouragement really lifted my spirits! It makes me feel good that you thought of me to take time out of your powwow like that.

I feel very special to have friends and family like you. Thank you for helping my family with the blanket dance (\$220), which helped them with food and fuel as they traveled everyday to be with me. You all have a big heart, and I am honored that you have shared with me.

May our Creator bless you all in return many times over. Happy holidays to you and your loved ones. Aho!

Bob Iron and family

OUR FUTURE IS THE YOUTH

As a mother, I told my daughter when she was a young child that she can achieve anything she wants in life, knowing from our past tribal leadership that our tribe will help support education.

When the time came to start applying for assistance, I was told Tribal Education only pays for nonprofit vocational schools. This was upsetting to me, and then having to tell my daughter, "Sorry, you can't go to the school you want to."

My daughter was very enthused to be going to school and to move to start her life.

So I told her she has some options and to start looking for different schools. My daughter told me "Mom, if I am going to do this, I want to go to the best school."

As a parent, you want the best for your child, and all their lives you encourage them to be the best they can be. So why would I limit her? Limiting her would only discourage her, and I did not want that.

She wanted to start school right away and move out to start her own life. She chose to go to the Paul Mitchell Academy in Colorado Springs. I have toured this school and spoken with the staff at the school; this school is a great school. They care about their students and push them to be the best they can be.

After graduating, you can take advance courses for free. You are guaranteed a job at any Paul Mitchell salon, even if you are out of the industry for a couple of years. They have different clubs students can join to expand their talents. They promote a "drama-free" and family-type atmosphere, which students will carry to their future places of employment. The staff really makes a point to learn how each individual student learns.

My daughter is doing well and enjoys her school. I wonder: Would this be the same if she went to a nonprofit vocational school? Rather than send my daughter to a lesser nonprofit school, I chose to pay for her education, because that is what you do as a parent. My dedication as a tribal parent should serve as an example to our tribal leadership.

During this year's graduation, many of the graduates'

plans were to attend vocational-type schools. Some choices were automotive, culinary, cosmetology, IT and criminal justice.

Is it wrong because they are not attending a four-year college? No, because they are at least trying to do something with their lives. They are taking small steps, and who knows where this can lead? The world is a big, scary place, but we should be pushing our youth to go out and experience the world and know what is like to live off the reservation. They need to become responsible, strong, independent tribal members. Isn't this what we all want for our tribal youth?

If a student does not complete school through the scholarship program, they are required to pay back the scholarship, so why can't this happen through the vocational program? We, as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, who are supposed to be one of the richest and most self-sustaining tribes, limit education options for our kids? We spend a lot of money on investments and other ventures for the future of the tribe, but education is limited? What is wrong with this? Shouldn't education be the last thing to have limits?

So my point is to the future and current council persons: Please make choices involving the tribal youth carefully. Don't set them up for failure. Think about how hard it is going to be for them in today's society and the ever-changing economy. You are elected to serve your tribal membership and to protect our future; our future is the youth.

*Faren Burch,
an avid tribal voter*

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEEVIN JUNEAU "KJ"

Your momma brought you into this world 4 years ago on Thanksgiving day. Watching you grow into an awesome young boy has brought me great joy. You make me proud in all that you do, all that you are, your laughs, your silliness, the questions you ask and comments you make always bring a smile to my face. Have a great 4th year grandson.

Love - Your Papa and all your relations



SOUTHERN UTE ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Mique (hello), my fellow tribal members.

My name is Tauri Janice Annetta Lou Raines (Summer Rain). I am the new Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate 2012-2013.

My parents are Manford and Brandi Raines. My paternal grandparents are Zachary Rock and Debra Browne. My maternal grandparents are Dixie and late Eugene Naranjo. I have one brother; his name is Zachary. I am in Kindergarten and attend Bayfield Elementary Primary School.

Since being crowned, I have been pretty busy this year so far. I have attended the Southern Ute Fair & Powwow and the powwow in Montrose. I also attended the celebration of the canonization of blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. I took part, along with other royalty members, during the Halloween Carnival. We had a "royal" duck pond, and it was a lot of fun. I attended the AYBR finals rodeo here in Ignacio and went to Meeker for the Christmas tree cutting.

In November, I attended the Veterans Powwow and also did the Lord's Prayer with the other two royalties at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's grandparents' dinner. I greeted everyone at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and danced for the Ignacio schools in honor of Native American Heritage Month. During Thanksgiving weekend, I traveled up to Ft. Duchesne, Utah, to participate in the Thanksgiving Powwow.

I am honored to get the opportunity to



travel to places to represent the tribe and meet new people. I am enjoying my title; it is a new learning experience for me. I look forward to sharing with the membership about the places I have traveled to and the events I have attended.

With that said, may the Creator watch over each and every one of you and your families and may he keep you safe.

*Tauri Raines
Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate
2012-2013*

OPEN LETTER TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP: TRIBAL ELECTION

A lot of tribal members have been complaining about how the Tribal Council has not improved on operations of tribal business.

Here's your chance to see if new blood on the council can improve the operations of the tribe.

Reading what Delbert Cuthair Jr. and Adam Red have put into the Drum about what is going on with the tribe's Growth Fund, Permanent Fund and other departments, they seem to have a fair knowledge of what is going on with poor management of tribal operations. We need new direction on the council and in the Growth Fund, Permanent Fund, and other operations of tribal departments.

Let's give them a chance to see if they can improve what is going on with tribal operations. Howard Richards Sr. and Alex Cloud both have had a chance to improve the council but have not. Only promises made with no action.

We badly need a forensic audit by qualified forensic auditors who know what they are doing — not by auditors selected by the Growth Fund, Permanent Fund, and other auditors who do not know how to audit federal and tribal monies and listen to the directors to advise them how to do it. That's not a true audit.

I have been calling for a forensic audit, and this forensic audit is only done to look for any fraud, mishandling of tribal property, etc. The audit would include our attorneys.

Dr. James Jefferson

VOTE FOR RICHARDS

Greetings,
My name is Howard D. Richards Sr. I am a candidate for a position on the Southern Ute Tribal Council, a position I currently hold.

I would at this time wish to thank all of you that voted for me in the General Election. I now ask for your vote and support.

Why should you vote for me? I bring experience to this position that is most needed to serve as a council member. I served as past council member, vice chairman and chairman. I also bring a lot of history in many ways. Listed below are things that I will continue to work on for you and the membership.

- **Financial Plan:** Continue to implement this very important living document.

We need to hold the budget every year, and continue to cut wasteful spending. I will continue to work with you and Tribal Council. This financial plan is our future. I was part Tribal Council that developed this document.

- **Health Plan:** Develop and implement a Health Plan for you, the membership. I feel very confident that this can be accomplished in my first year in office.

- **Education:** There is a need to strive to give our membership degrees in natural resource management. Currently, we only have one tribal member as director.

- **Natural resources:** We need to develop a program that addresses our needs in reservation maintenance. The need is now to implement our Resource Management Plan. This also means to allocate money to accomplish it.

- **Criminal justice:** Currently, our judicial system needs to be addressed: courts, prosecutor, codes and tribal police.

In closing, the above-mentioned are a few that our present council and I will address. Again I ask for your vote and support in the runoff election.

May the creator watch over you each and every day. May you all be blessed during the holidays that are approaching. Be careful and safe.

*Sincerely,
Howard D. Richards Sr.
Candidate for
Tribal Council*

THANKSGIVING BASKET THANKS

The Southern Ute Police Department's fourth annual Thanksgiving Basket Donation Event was once again a huge success.

This year we set a goal of 30 baskets, and once the word got out to the community, especially the tribal organizational staff, we were flooded with personal donations. Needless to say, we met our 30 baskets and exceeded to have 33 baskets total! We would like to say a huge "thank you" to all those involved in the preparation of the Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you for your support in making this event a success.

The staff who gave generously were from the following tribal entities:

Southern Ute Police Department
Southern Ute Detention Center
Tribal Court
Tribal Rangers
SunUte Community

Center
Growth Fund Tribal Member Employee Advisory Committee (TMEAC)
Growth Fund administration

Bruce Valdez, executive director

Chuck Farago, assistant operations manager

Susan Suazo-Sanchez, accounting

Tim Stumpf, senior network administrator

Ross Patty, network administrator

Tierra Group
Southern Ute Department of Energy

Dee Olguin, manager

Agnes Suazo, GIS specialist

Carl Beal, severance tax administrator

Red Cedar Gathering Co.

Carol Valdez, Durango Accounting Department

Cecelia Selam, Durango Accounting Department

Audrey Harris, Durango Accounting Department

Red Cedar Durango staff

Red Willow Production Co.

Red Willow's Ignacio Accounting Department

Betty Cole, controller

Virgil Bennally, accountant

Brenda Kedrowski, accountant

Williamette Thompson, TMEAC/accounting and audit

Red Willow's Information Technology Department

Dana Esparza, data specialist

Tim Hawkins, business systems analyst

Sue Jones, business systems analyst

Red Willow's Land Department

Lorelei Cloud, TMEAC/division order tech

Danielle Romero, records assistant

Treva Watts, records analyst, and family

LeAnn Wilson, TMEAC/division order tech trainee

Red Willow's Ignacio Operation Department

Willette Whiteskunk, production analyst

Greg Box, pumper

Mike Rice, pumper

Jordan Rock, pumper

Barb and John Rarick

Linda and Frank Allen

A Southern Ute tribal elder

Ann Peck with SUIMA

Local family

Many others who didn't want to be named

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

– Charles Dickens

*Southern Ute
Police Department*

Next issue

Dec. 14

Deadline

Dec. 7

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to the following address:

**astryker@
southernute-nsn.gov**

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November 30, 2012



REQUEST FOR BID

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Purchase of modular home

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Construction & Project Management Dept., P.O. Box 737, 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, 970-563-0138.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses from Tribal members to the RFP for the purchase of a Manufactured Home. The home description consists of the following:

Year & make: 2001 Schult Manufactured Home. Square Footage: 28' x 66' (1848 sq. ft.) Size: Six bedrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry, two baths.

The following criterion applies to sale of the home:

The home will be sold as is with no implied warranties.

The selected proposer will be responsible for complete teardown, removal, transport and re-set up of the home (approximate cost within a 5-mile radius is \$10,000).

The Tribe's preference is to have the home removed from the premises within (60) sixty days from the date of purchase, weather permitting. An Open House will occur at 221 Capote Dr. on November, 28 2012 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Wednesday, December 12, 2012. For more information contact the Construction & Project Management Department at 970-563-0138

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Legal Assistance

Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals to provide legal assistance to Native American victims of domestic violence to assist victims with divorce, legal separation, protection orders, child custody & support, housing, public benefits, name changes, identity theft, credit problems, and debt collection. Funded through a Department of Justice grant from the Office on Violence Against Women, the contract would extend to Sept. 30. Please provide: legal

fee per hour, number of hours per month, experience with legal assistance for victims, experience with Southern Ute Tribal Court and documentation to practice law in the State of Colorado.

Proposals should be submitted by Dec. 18 to Monte Mills, Director Southern Ute Indian Tribe Legal Department PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137. For more information please contact Lisa Manzanara at 970-563-0100.

REQUEST FOR BID

Southern Ute Housing Authority - House Renovation

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is advertising request for proposals for the Housing Renovation Project to renovate 1-3 bedroom, 2-bath home located on Shoshone Street on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. Prospective bidders are asked to contact Eric Spady or Tracie Baker at 970-563-4575, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio, CO. A mandatory site visit for this

project is scheduled for November 27, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Bid deadline is December 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is December 5, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at said office privately opened.

All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes, 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rates for La Plata County are in effect; Uniform Builders Code (UBC) and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected. Published: November 16, 2012.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Gaming Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission for a three (3) year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations:

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age;
- Must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation;
- Must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures;
- Must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality;

- Must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and
- Must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letters of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, Monday, December 17, 2012. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

Posted November 19, 2012 – D.O.G.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION

Dec. 14, 2012 • 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
SunUte Community Center

Candidates for Tribal Council member seats are:
Notice - Vote for two

Delbert D. Cuthair Jr.
Howard D. Richards Sr.
Adam Red
Alex S. Cloud

NOTE: THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 by 5 p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012 by 5 p.m.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE
Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 by 5 p.m.

Questions or concerns, call 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305.
Off-reservation tribal members, call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303.
Email is election@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Election Board is open Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE
RUN-OFF ELECTION
DECEMBER 14, 2012

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER
Notice - Vote for Two

- ☐ Delbert D. Cuthair, Jr.
☐ Howard D. Richards, Sr.
☐ Adam Red
☐ Alex S. Cloud

NOTICE: THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

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1. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
2. Voting is by secret ballot.
3. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by “The Star Lady”

♐ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**

BIRTHDAY SALUTATIONS SAGGIES! While the SUN is illuminating a personal area of your chart, relationships may become the main focus of December's forecast. Basically all sorts of associations would fall into this month's planetary pattern. Mighty JUPITER amps up your opportunities to improve your current ties, and it also encourages future connections. Single SAGITTARIANS have the potential to meet new people, and to formulate exciting plans for the New Year. The NEW MOON in your sign on the 13th releases a positive cycle with plenty of adventures to be had.

♊ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**

BE JOYFUL AND MERRY CAPRICORN! Generally December begins on a quiet note for you, and you may prefer small intimate gatherings as opposed to large noisy crowds. Later after the 21st when the SUN brightens your sign once again, you might feel more like celebrating the Solstice. This is an opportune time to clear away old limitations, and learn from past mistakes. PLUTO and MARS in your sign spur you on to bigger and better things

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**

CELEBRATE THE SEASON AQUARIUS! No doubt your December calendar is jam-packed with Christmas activities. True to your humanitarian nature, some of your projects may involve helping others less fortunate. After the 16th MERCURY, and VENUS shift positions and suddenly your party animal persona comes to life. Leave it to your “UNCLE JUPITER” (currently in a cheery area of your chart) to liven up the month, and keep many AQUARIAN'S happily entertained.

♓ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**

MERRY CHRISTMAS PISCES! To begin with MERCURY and VENUS kick off the month in a most compatible way. A Santa inspired opportunity opens up early this December. Most likely business or professional objectives are activated after the 16th and you may find that you are the lucky recipient of a pay increase, or bonus. There may also be recognition for your past efforts, and the rewards could make this holiday a bright and cheery one. You could play Santa and put lots of brightly wrapped packages under your tree Little Fishes.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**

SEASON'S GREETINGS RAMS! Once again the planets are grouped in the travel section of your chart denoting more excitement being stirred up in your monthly forecast. Furthermore, the exhilaration planet (URANUS), awakens from its long retrograde slumber on the 13th. In the blink of an eye you could be driving, or flying away somewhere to visit friends, or relatives for the holidays. Plus, the NEW MOON also on the 13th stimulates your desire for fresh, lighthearted adventures. This month MARS gifts you with ambition, and the drive to succeed professionally and personally. Grab your Christmas list and finish your shopping earlyRams.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**

BE MERRY TAURUS! December's cycle of events are dominated by CHRISTMAS, and NEW YEAR'S EVE.. and also the planetary placements. Currently the focus is on money and finance. You'll have fresh options to explore regarding those matters, as always your natural ability to manage money enables you to make the right decisions. Shared finances are a part of the planetary emphasis. JUPITER in the money zone is the gift that keeps on giving. It won't last forever TAURUS. Maintain your practical methods into the New Year.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS GEMINI! Generous giant JUPITER continues its lively trek through your sign this month ...with just one small difference. JUPITER is now in retrograde and there may be some limitations. Being the resourceful GEMINI that you are, changing your plans will not be a big deal. It just makes your social life more interesting. As an added benefit the SUN, MERCURY, and VENUS gather in the relationship area of your chart and help to strengthen your bonds with those who are closest to you. Joyful family gatherings make your CHRISTMAS a very merry one.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO YOU CANCER! Family celebrations happen to be one of your favorite activities. Many Moon Kids might be loading up their dining room tables with all sorts of delectable goodies. When the SUN, MERCURY, and VENUS converge in the health and healing area of your chart after the 16th, you might be tempted to scale down some of the sugary desserts. Use your will power. You can do it. The FULL MOON near month's end phases out your year and surrounds you with a warm and loving aura.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS LIONS! Holiday parties and lively activities with the kids are part of the seasonal holiday fun. You may find that quality family time is best early in the month before the pace accelerates and the excitement increases. Steer clear of family arguments at Christmas, as the SUN sets up a swift moving power struggle with partners or the kinfolk. Relax big cats, it's important to keep your stress level low and enjoy the holiday. Exercise, or walking is a great way to relieve tension and keep your physical condition in shape.

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**

SLEIGH BELLS ARE RINGING VIRGO! Chances are you might be entertaining folks who come from afar, or from a foreign country. The NEW MOON promotes a lively domestic atmosphere, and a good time may be had by all. This holiday may be a little different than your usual. The planets are encouraging exciting activities, and a busy schedule. Job related duties and holiday chores may have you running. Make a list VIRGO.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**

HAPPY SANTA SEASON LIBRA! MERCURY and VENUS launch the month on a conservative note which might have you acting more frugal than usual. It may be best to shop for bargains before the 16th. SATURN'S influence in the money zone may put a crimp in your spending style, or limit your budget. Fortunately the NEW MOON on the 13th releases a more optimistic energy, and sets the tone for happy Christmas celebrations with family, friends, and neighbors.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**

JINGLE BELLS ARE JINGLING SCORPIO! No need to stress over holiday chores. Gather your loved ones and friends around you and delegate the duties. Last minute shopping becomes livelier and more creative after the 16th when the planetary focus moves to the money zone. VENUS, MERCURY, the SUN, and a NEW MOON promote impulsive spending. You might be feeling especially generous SCORPIO and will enjoy seeing the smiles on the faces of your favorite people. The best part is that your economic outlook is brighter after the 13th.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net



Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com
Tribal member employment preference, must pass pre-employment drug test & criminal history.

Assistant Energy Accounting Manager
Closing 12/3/12 – Energy Accounting
Ignacio, CO. Assisting the Energy Accounting Manager with management and supervision of all audit, accounting and administrative functions of the Energy Accounting Division.

Landman I
Closing 12/3/12 – Red Willow Production
Houston, TX. Develops, obtains, and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including partnership documents, leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions. Works with others in the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; prepares reports as needed.

Preventative Maintenance Supervisor
Closing 12/3/12
Durango, CO. Successful planning and execution of major and preventative maintenance and repair projects in both field compression facilities and gas treating plants, including the supervision of engine swings, compressor overhauls, generator overhauls, major vessel repairs, along with other large maintenance projects. Also responsible for parts and inventory control; inspections of all warranty items to include all field compression and plant compression. This position works with Area Maintenance Supervisors to identify timing and needs of all major maintenance and assist with scheduling downtime and manpower accordingly. The Preventative Maintenance Supervisor will directly supervise a small team including a Maintenance Specialist as well as Rotating Equipment Analysts.

Division Order Analyst II
Closing 12/4/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Obtains and maintains orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including Divisions of Interest (DOI), and Title Opinions. Advises Accounting Manager and others of changes in Divisions of Interest (DOI) and assists them in use of DOI data. Works with Red Willow landmen and partners to obtain and maintain DOI records. Assists with other land issues as needed. Responds to communications from interest owners. Prepares reports as needed.

Safety Manager
Closing 12/7/12 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Development and oversight of Health and Safety programs, policies and procedures for the Aka Energy Group. Provides expert knowledge and skills to the organization to promote a compliant and positive health and safety culture. Ensures all health and safety laws and regulations are adhered to including Process Safety Management (PSM) requirements.

Royalty Auditor
Closing 12/9/12
Ignacio, CO. Compliance of royalties from Southern Ute mineral leases. Performs field audit work in accordance with existing laws, regulations, lease terms, orders, and notices. Provides direction and assistance to support personnel. Prepares issue letters, draft demand letters, audit reports, and field reports.

Operator III
Closing 12/10/12 – Aka Energy
Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

Operations Technician I
Closing 12/10/12 – Aka Energy
Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Operations Technician II
Closing 12/10/12 – Aka Energy
Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Operations Technician III
Closing 12/10/12 – Aka Energy
Maljamar, NM. Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible.

Senior Midstream Business Development Engineer
Closing 12/10/12 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Works with a variety of Aka staff, management, customers, and potential partners to identify, evaluate, develop, and implement economic projects consistent with Aka’s strategies, priorities and concerns, in both new areas and existing asset areas. Assists and at time leads in project design, development of detailed cost estimates, and preparation project economics and sensitivity analyses. Contributes to presenting and evaluating results, making recommendations, and implementing projects, including project negotiations.

Senior Process Engineer
Closing 12/14/12 – Aka Energy
Durango, CO. Providing pipeline, compression, treating and process engineering, technical interpretations, modeling and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business development and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Senior Process Engineer
Closing 12/14/12 – Aka Energy
Tulsa, OK. Providing pipeline, compression, treating and process engineering, technical interpretations, modeling and project management for Aka Energy Group and its subsidiaries. Provides business development and operations support of Aka and its subsidiaries mid-stream natural gas business ventures.

Division Order Supervisor
Closing 12/16/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Division Order procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; works with Red Willow land staff and partners as needed to obtain, maintain, and use DOI records; coordinates communication of DOI Interest and Deck changes to other Red Willow Departments; communicates with interest owners as necessary.

Land Records Supervisor
Closing 12/16/12 – Red Willow Production
Ignacio, CO. Establishes the Land Records procedures and protocols to ensure that all necessary files documenting title and interest for Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, are obtained and maintained in an orderly and accurate land database and filing system; works with Red Willow land staff and partners as needed to obtain, maintain, and use lease and contract records; coordinates communication of lease and contract changes to other Red Willow Departments; communicates with interest owners as necessary. Manages and supervises the day-to-day duties and activities of company Land Records Analysts and Lease Records Assistants.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Chief of Police
Closes 11/29/12
Under general supervision of Justice and Regulatory Director, provides consistent and fair law enforcement and public safety services for persons living within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Pay grade 24: \$74,667 annual.

Information Security Management Analyst
Closes 11/29/12
Under the general supervision of the MIS Director, develops, implements, and reviews Information Security components for the Southern Ute Tribal Organization. Responsible for providing Information Security technology support to the MIS Department and over all Information Security support to the tribal government. Part-time, 24 hour/week exempt position: \$35,705.28 annual.

Professional Education Trainee
Closes 12/17/12
Professional education Trainee position open to Southern Ute Tribal Members, under general supervision of the Education Department Director, providing academic advisement to scholarship applicants and recipients. This position is at 20% below pay grade 18, \$ 14.90/hr, eligible for

quarterly increases in pay so that during the course of the training program, the rate of pay increases to the the minimum of grade 18; \$18.62/hr.

Scorekeepers (6)
Open until filled
The employee is responsible for operating the scoreboard and maintaining records in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte Recreation Department. The employee is under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the recreation specialists. Pay Grade 12: \$10.82/hour.

TEAM Jobs Program Temporary Positions
Southern Ute tribal members only. The TEAM JOBS positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the current pool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$10.82/hour.

Umpires/Referees (6)
Open until filled
The employee is responsible for officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte Recreation Department. The employee is under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the recreation specialists. Pay Grade 19: \$20.64/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Human Resources Department: 970-563-1311 • Fax: 970-563-1419
P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: www.skyutecasino.com

Bowling
Bowling Lead Technician – FT, closes 11/30/12
Food & Beverage
Executive Sous Chef – FT, closes 11/30/12
Housekeeping
Housekeeping Staff – TMP, closes 11/30/12

Marketing
Marketing Media Coordinator – FT, 11/30/12
Table Games
Craps Dealer – FT, 11/30/12
Multi-Games Dealer – TMP, 12/3/12
Multi-Games Pit Boss – PT, 12/03/12

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2012-0150-CV-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Trennie Risa Burch, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Trennie Risa Burch has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Trennie Risa Collins. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than December 2,2012 by 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 29th day of October, 2012.
BY THE COURT,
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2012-NC-152
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Caitlynn Marie Weaver, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Caitlynn Marie Weaver has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Caitlynn Marie Schmeiser. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than December 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 6th day of November, 2012.
BY THE COURT,
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2012-NC-153
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Brooklynn Weaver, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth Schmeiser on behalf of Brooklynn Weaver has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Brooklynn Jade Schmeiser. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than December 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 6th day of November, 2012.
BY THE COURT,
Karla Tucson, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2012-0107-CV-PR
NOTICE OF PROBATE
Barbara T Santistevan, Deceased
Notice: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on December 17, 2012 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 2nd of November, 2012
BY THE COURT,
Milly Farmer, Deputy Court Clerk

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2012-0156-CV-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Patrick Aaron Watts, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Patrick Aaron Watts has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Patrick Salomon Puerto. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than December 19, 2012 by 5:00pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 19th day of November, 2012.
BY THE COURT,
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Boxing Commission vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy, a three year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest. The qualifications are;
• Must be 21 years of age
• Shall be of good character
• Shall not have been convicted of or plead

guilty to any felony or boxing related offenses
Submit your letter of intent by 3 p.m. on Dec. 20 to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, P.O. Box 737-74, Ignacio, CO, 81137 or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department. Attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0100 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Vice-Chair 970-563-4710 ext. 2722

COMMUNITY BUSINESS SECTION

6th St. Hair Salon
Pedro Vigil
Specialize in: 970-259-1220
General Men's Cut, Fades,
Line Ups, Hair Designs,
and Straight Razor Shaves 115 W College Dr
Durango ,Co

Rose Mirabal
Cosmetologist
Specializing in:
Men/Women's Cuts,
Hair Color, Highlighting,
Waxing
Regis Salon @ Durango Mall
970-259-4344

ARCHIBEQUE'S
Home Furnishings
Bring in or mention
this ad and receive an extra
10% OFF CASH DISCOUNTS
2511 E, Main Street
FARMINGTON,
NEW MEXICO
505-326-4188



TRIBAL MEMBER EMPLOYMENT

The TEAM JOBS Program

Staff report
SU HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe operates the TEAM JOBS Program to provide short-term employment for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members who are 18 years of age or older, while funding is available. Examples of short-term employment include:

- Workers to fill immediate needs such as snow removal, staffing for ceremonies, woodcutting, and grounds maintenance.
- Workers to complete seasonal projects and to help with increased workloads.

TEAM JOBS workers may work a maximum of 240 hours in an assignment. The rate of pay for program participants is set at the minimum of the temporary position being filled. Program participants are eligible for holiday pay and for authorized administrative leave. To receive holiday pay, a program participant must work both the day before and the day after a holiday. A program participant who has completed an assignment and has received satisfactory performance evaluations will be eligible for another TEAM JOBS Program assignment

The TEAM JOBS Program is managed by the Permanent Fund's Human Resources Department. Southern Ute tribal members can apply for the program by completing an online application found at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. The job opening is labeled "TEAM JOBS PROGRAM POSITIONS." The Human Resources Department can help with completing the online application and will keep applicants up-to-date about upcoming assignments. For help, call Gail Pena at 970-563-0100 ext. 2990 or email gpena@southern-ute.nsn.us.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Reminder: Don't remove official physical address signs

Staff report
SU NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources has been in the process of posting physical address signs (orange with reflective white numbers) for tribal members living within the boundaries of the reservation. The department has concluded this phase of the addressing project, which began in 2009. There has been and continues to be a longstanding concern from emergency service providers and law enforcement officials regarding their ability to locate residences and respond in a timely fashion. There are precious minutes lost when emergency response units are dispatched to a wrong address or an address that was posted and since has been removed. Important reminder: Please

do not remove signs. The Department of Natural Resources reminds all that these signs are important to the health and safety of your fellow tribal members. Please do not remove these lifesaving signs, as they mean the difference in emergency services providing assistance in a timely manner. The signs are also the property of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Again, please do not remove these signs. Each sign has a purpose, and that is for 911 emergency systems to dispatch emergency service providers to the proper physical address. The Address Committee has reviewed and verified all tribal members' physical addresses. There were some physical addresses that required a change, and those that were affected have been

notified. If you still have a concern regarding your address, contact the department. It is a requirement of Southern Ute Indian Tribe that each physical address within the boundaries of the reservation have an orange sign at the entrance of its driveway. Please ensure that the driveway of your residence has an orange sign depicting your physical address. If it does not, call the GIS Office or Department of Natural Resources at 970-563-0125. The department will not be posting orange signs in the Southern Ute housing subdivisions, such as Pow Wow Circle, Cedar Point housing areas, Howe, Tamuche and Pi Wood Drives, etc. Thank you for your cooperation in improving emergency services on the reservation and the safety of all tribal members.

Sudden Science Clubs for grades 3-5
Southern Ute Education Department

Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Are you a 3rd-5th grader? Not sure what to do after school?
Come discover your inner scientist in this fun, interactive class!

Have you ever wondered how to light up a light bulb? How to keep an egg safe from a three-story fall onto cement? Build a bridge with common household objects? Have you ever wanted to construct your own roller coaster, or design a "green" building? Come learn new skills, and find answers to these questions and many more during Sudden Science: our hour-long, experiment-based after school program! The Durango Discovery Museum's enthusiastic educational staff will guide 3-5th grade Ignacio students through hands-on activities beginning September 27th, and running on Thursdays through January 31st.

Further information is available online at our website: www.durangodiscovery.org. See you in the lab!

spark curiosity, ignite imagination and power exploration



For further questions please contact:
Jen Lokey, Curriculum & Education Program Manager
Durango Discovery Museum • 403-1742 • jen@durangodiscovery.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAYS, 5 P.M.

Chess Night

Chess returns to the Ignacio Community Library every Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Call 970-563-9287 to sign up.

at 7 p.m. by Tom Givon who will be introducing and signing his just-published new translation of the Tao Teh Ching (Book of the Tao) by Lao Tse. For more information call 970-563-4600 or www.DancingSpiritCommunityArtsCenter.org

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 4 – 8 P.M.

Fill Your Bowl For Art

Please join Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center at 755 Goddard Ave., Ignacio, CO for our annual fundraiser Fill Your Bowl for Art on Friday, December 7, 4 – 8 p.m. Pick from the all new hand-thrown pottery bowls for \$15 and enjoy delicious home-made soups and bread! At 6:30 p.m. Mataholla Moon Belly Dancers will be performing on the new stage. Followed

JAN. 30 - FEB. 3, 2013

Snowdown Winter Festival

Our premier winter festival is a non-traditional and bit zany celebration of winter. Think nerds and geeks as you celebrate "Get Your Geek On." Enjoy more than 60 unique events: evening torchlight parade, ski softball tournament, Snowdown Balloon Rally, wine tasting, beard growing contest, Snowdown Follies, Bed Race, a magnificent fireworks show and more at www.snowdown.org

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Nov. 30



Mostly sunny 53°F

Saturday, Dec. 1



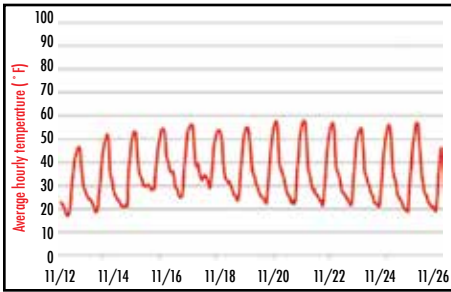
Sunny 54°F

Sunday, Dec. 2



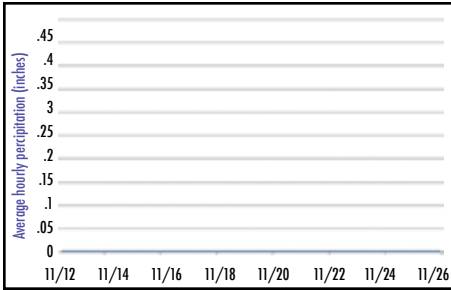
Mostly sunny 55°F

Weather data for Nov. 12 – Nov. 26



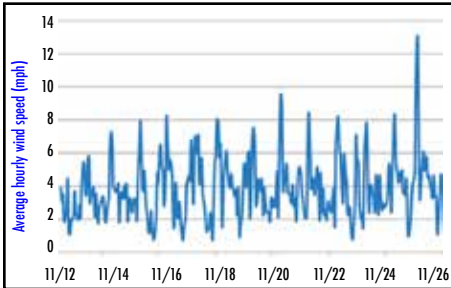
Temperature

High	57.7°
Low	16.9°
Average	35.2°
Average last year	35.1°



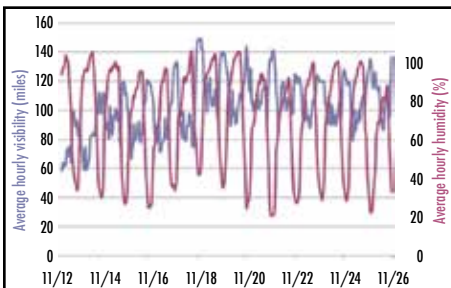
Precipitation

Total	0.00"
Total last year	0.24"



Wind speed

Average	3.8
Minimum	0.7
Maximum	13.0



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	103.1
Average humidity	58.1%

Air quality
Good



LEONARD C. BURCH
MEMORIAL POKER WALK/RUN

(SPECIAL COURSE FOR ELDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012
10 A.M.
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER